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HOUSE MEMORIAL 63

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF TOM MORRIS ON  
BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, former New Mexico Congressman Tom Morris was born  
in Westland county, Texas, on August 20, 1919 but became an  
honorable New Mexican shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Tom Morris served as an enlisted man in the  
United States navy from 1937 to 1944 and was in combat in the  
Pacific theater during World War II; and

WHEREAS, he was engaged in ranching and farming in Quay  
county thereafter and still calls Tucumcari his home; and

WHEREAS, he attended the university of New Mexico on the  
G.I. bill and graduated in 1948; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the New Mexico house of  
representatives from 1953 to 1958, where he served as the

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1 chairman of the privileges and elections committee and the  
2 taxation and revenue committee; and

3 WHEREAS, he was elected to the United States house of  
4 representatives in 1959 and served in the congress until 1969  
5 where he was a member of the house interior committee, the  
6 chairman of the subcommittee on national parks and a member of  
7 the joint committee on atomic energy; and

8 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in securing passage of  
9 funding for the San Juan-Chama diversion project, which helped  
10 ensure future water supplies for several New Mexico  
11 communities; and

12 WHEREAS, he has been active in community affairs, has  
13 served as a valued member of several public and private boards  
14 and still lends his considerable knowledge and wise counsel to  
15 all who ask;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that former  
18 congressman Tom Morris be recognized for his long-standing and  
19 honorable service to the citizens of the state of New Mexico.